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SUBJECT:US/ROC (MTN) TRADE TALKS

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1. IN EMBASSY DISCUSSION WITH S.O'LEARY, STR, AND R.
RUZICKA, USDOC A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS WERE RAISED ON
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WHICH FURTHER CLARIFICATION WOULD BE HELPFUL. ROC
SURCHARGES ON IMPORTS WERE MENTIONED. ARE THESE THE
HARBOR DUES, AIRPORT TAXES, AND/OR OTHER TAXES, OR ARE
THEY TEMPORARY INCREASES IN DUTY? ARE THESE APPLIED ON
A SELECTIVE OR ACROSS THE BOARD BASIS? PLEASE PROVIDE
DETAILS IN ORDER THAT U.S. NEGOTIATORS MAY DISCUSS WITH
ROC NEGOTIATORS.

2. WHAT IS THE NATURE AND RATE OF THE CURRENCY CHARGE
MADE BY THE CENTRAL TRUST AND SPECIFIC PRODUCTS AFFECTED;

IS IT APPLIED DISCRIMINATORILY AND, IF SO, HOW?

3. DO ROC PRODUCT SAFETY, HEALTH AND SANITARY REGULA-
TIONS APPEAR TO BE UNREASONABLE OR APPLIED DISCRIMINATORI-
LY? WHICH PRODUCTS ARE AFFECTED?

4. CAN EMBASSY DESCRIBE HOW CUSTOMS PRACTICES WITH
REGARD TO SAMPLES, BONDED WAREHOUSES AND SHIPS STORES
AFFECT U.S. TRADE INTERESTS?

5. CAN EMBASSY DESCRIBE THE PROBLEMS WHICH U.S. FIRMS
HAVE ENCOUNTERED IN EXPORTING FROM THE ROC EXPORT
PROCESSING ZONES?

6. SEVERAL OTHER QUESTIONS HAVE ARISEN IN ADDITION
TO THOSE DISCUSSED BY EMBASSY/O'LEARY/RUZICKA. DOES
EMBASSY BELIEVE THAT EXCHANGE CONTROL REGULATIONS
HINDER U.S. EXPORTS?

7. IN CUSTOMS CLASSIFICATION DISAGREEMENTS, PRIOR
IMPORT DEPOSITS COVERING THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE
DISPUTED RATES ARE REQUIRED (REFTEL B AND CUSTOMS
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LAW, ARTICLE 23). DOES EMBASSY BELIEVE THAT THIS ROC
LAW CONTINUES TO PRESENT PROBLEMS FOR U.S. EXPORTERS?
ARE PRIOR IMPORT DEPOSITS REQUIRED IN OTHER SITUATIONS
IN ADDITION TO DISPUTED DUTIES?

8. INDUSTRY HAS COMPLAINED THAT ELECTRIC AND PNEUMATIC
PROCESS CONTROL INSTRUMENTS REQUIRE A CERTIFICATE STAT-
ING THE AMOUNT OF COMMISSION DUE TO ROC NATIONALS. CAN
EMBASSY VERIFY WHETHER THERE IS SUCH A REQUIREMENT?
IF SUCH A REQUIREMENT EXISTS, PLEASE CITE PRODUCTS TO
WHICH APPLIED AND WHETHER EMBASSY BELIEVES IT TO BE A
DETERRENT TO U.S. EXPORTS.

9. EMBASSY ASSESSMENT OF ABOVE NTM'S AND ANY OTHERS
IT DEEMS IMPORTANT, INCLUDING IMPORTANCE TO U.S. EXPORT
OBJECTIVES, WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. (WASHINGTON
HAS DETAILS ON CUSTOMS VALUATION AND PLANS TO DISCUSS
THIS AS ONE OF TOP ISSUES).

10. PRIORITY REPLY BY MAY 17 WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
INFORMATION NEEDED FOR INTER-AGENCY POSITION PAPERS NOW
BEING FORMULATED FOR TALKS STARTING MAY 22. VANCE

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